



**RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 31st , 2022 via Zoom**

PRESENT: Rick Champagne, Chair Rob Currie
 Bill Ramore Wendy St. Denis
 Kate Ricci

ABSENT: Ronald Roy, Gerald Brochu

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services
 Kari Hanselman, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-07
Bill Ramore – Rob Currie

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 31st day of March, 2022 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s): January 26th, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-08
Wendy St. Denis – Kate Ricci

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting of January 26th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Staff are looking into the issue with the elevator. The elevator cannot be operated without a key. Staff will have to be present to operate the elevator.

The costs for installation of an HVAC system at the curling rink came back much higher than anticipated. The project will not be feasible this year. The club was granted an extension to their season.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest: None for this session

6. Chair's Comments

Councillor Champagne congratulated Mr. Kirton on his promotion and welcomed him to the committee.

7. **Delegations to Committee:** None for this session

8. **Committee Reports:** None for this session

9. **Correspondence and Information Items:**

a) **Summer Programming**

- a. **YMCA**
- b. **Science North**

The YMCA is back again this summer and is offering a variety of day camps for youth. Science North is also providing day camps for two days in July.

b) **Pickleball Grand Opening / Classes**

- a. **Taylorred Pickleball Academy Partnership**

Mr. Kirton would like to have a grand opening for the new pickleball courts with the committee's involvement. Taylorred Pickleball Academy is interested in providing pickleball courses. The municipality would provide them with the courts. Mr. Kirton will provide the costs for the courses at the next meeting.

c) **Active Transportation Plan**

- a. **Visual Touch Ups and Final Circulation**

Final visual touch ups are being completed and the final plan will be circulated soon.

A grant application was submitted by the municipality for active transportation. Mr. Kirton is looking into funding through NOHFC to cover the difference not covered by the grant.

d) **South Shore Boat Launch**

The Anglers and Hunters are working on an expansion at the south shore boat launch. There is a severance application going to the Committee of Adjustment in April which would see a piece of land being donated to the municipality. A formal proposal would need to be submitted to the MNR in order to develop the land. Mr. Kirton asked the Committee to let him know of any suggestions they may have for improving the area. The committee discussed parking issues, especially during fishing tournaments. The committee passed the following resolution regarding signage at the south shore boat launch:

Resolution No. 2022-09
Rob Currie – Bill Ramore

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends Council increase parking signage at the South Shore Boat Launch in order to alleviate parking congestion.

CARRIED

e) **COVID-19 Facility Protocols**

The municipality is following provincial regulations, so masks are no longer required at the Arena. Staff are still required to wear masks.

10. Actions Items:

a) Meeting Schedule Discussion
a. 2022 Full Schedule

The committee will meet every fourth Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. The committee is on summer break May through August.

b) Sports Hall of Fame 2022
a. Advertising and Inductions

The committee discussed advertising and inductions for the sports hall of fame for the current year. Mr. Kirton will develop a strategy to present at the next meeting.

c) Tennis and Pickleball Court Signs – Draft Designs

The committee chose Draft Sign #3 for the numbering of the pickleball courts.

d) Summer Event Opportunities
a. Additions to Current Event Schedule?

The committee discussed community events for the summer. The Committee will decide on a couple of events to recommend to Council through a resolution at the next meeting.

11. Other Business

Ms. St. Denis discussed advertising Participaction in the Action 50+ newsletter.

12. In Camera (if required): None for this session

13. Adjournment:

Resolution No. 2022-10
Wendy St. Denis – Kate Ricci

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting adjourn at 1:59 p.m. and meet again on April 27th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED